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## **City To Pick Up Christmas Trees For Two Weeks**

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(December 29, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced Thursday that the City of Troy will be picking up Christmas trees for the next two weeks at no cost to residents.

Residents wishing to have their Christmas tree picked up simply need to place in the tree outside of their house during the regularly scheduled garbage pickup and City crews will remove it.

“In an effort to keep the City as clean as possible through the winter months, we will be picking up Christmas trees before any significant snow fall appears,” Tutunjian said. “For the better part of the next week, temperatures will be unseasonably warm, which will offer us the opportunity to pick up the majority of the Christmas trees in the City.”

“This is not an exact science, and not all trees will be picked up on the first day,” the mayor said. “Our crews will work hard to reach as many as they can each day.”

The City has designated two sites- the Frear Park Golf Course and The Alamo (located in South Troy across from the Rensselaer County Jail)- as areas where the trees will be dropped off and mulched. Any resident who wishes to drop off their tree instead of waiting for pickup, is encouraged to do so. The mulch will be available on a first come, first serve basis in several weeks.

The City will also have regularly scheduled garbage pickup this coming Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is considered a state holiday.

“We understand that during the holiday season, trash can pile up at a quick rate,” Tutunjian said. “Keeping regularly scheduled garbage days is important to keeping the City clean.”

Any questions about garbage or tree pickup can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 270-4579.